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DISEASES AMONG CHILDREN .
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the common diseases that are prevalent among the children below the age of 5 years for the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of the diseases out of them which are covered under the National Immunisation Programme;

(c) whether any vaccine preventable diseases are reported from any part of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to prevent the diseases?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

a) The common diseases that are prevalent among children below the age of 5 years are: poliomyelitis, measles, diarrhea, acute respiratory infection, tuberculosis, whooping cough, diphtheria, tetanus, sepsis and neo-natal causes. State wise information on common diseases for 2004, 2005 and 2006 are at Annexure I, II & III

b) The diseases which are covered under the National Immunization Programme are tuberculosis, pertusis, diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis and measles.

(c)& (d) Yes, cases of Japanese Encephalitis and Measles are reported from time to time. In order to strengthen the Routine Immunisation, following initiatives have been taken:

Introduction of AD syringes for all immunization replacing the existing glass syringe and needles.

Downsizing the BCG vial from 20 dose to 10 dose.

Plans for alternate vaccine delivery from PHC to sub centre and outreach sessions.

Outsourcing immunization activities in urban slums and under served areas.

Strengthening supervision and monitoring .

Mobility support to District Immunization officer for supportive supervision and monitoring.

Review meeting at the State level with the districts on 6 monthly basis.

Mobilization of children to immunization session sites by Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA), Anganwadi workers (AWW), Women Self Help Groups etc.